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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: FIRE AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

1. DAMASCUS IS AWASH WITH RUMORS JULY 29 AS EARLY RISERS WERE GREETED WITH SIGHT OF CLOUDS OF SMOKE RISING FROM INTERNATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS IN CENTER OF CITY. MOST RELIABLE VERSION OF INCIDENT, AS REPORTED BY US PAVILION DIRECTOR, IS THAT AT 0430 SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED FIRE TO BREAK OUT IN EUPHRATES PROJECTS PAVILION. FIRE BRIGADE WAS SLOW TO RESPOND AND FIRE BADLY DAMAGED BOTH FRENCH AND EUPHRATES PAVILION BEFORE BEING EXTINGUISHED.

2. IN AFTERMATH OF THE TWO EXPLOSIONS IN DAMASCUS EARLY JULY, SYRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT FAIRGROUNDS FROM ANY TERRORIST INCIDENT. MANY DAMASCENES WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY BELIEVING THAT THIS IS AN UNCONNECTED, INNOCENT OCCURRENCE.

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